



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. 00-176-D)

In the Application of:

Loren J. Veltrop

Serial No.: 10/080,872

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For: Apparatus and Method for Maintaining Cooked Food in a Ready-to-Serve Condition Using a Freestanding Cover For Food Trays

Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: Drew E. Becker

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 30, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.